

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 25-36 and 38-47 were pending in this application. Claims 30 and 39 have been amended and claims 35 and 39-47 have been canceled. Therefore, upon entry of this amendment, which is respectfully requested, claims 25-34, 36 and 38 will remain pending.

Claims 25-34, 36, and 38-47 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wolf et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,463,508 (hereinafter "Wolf").

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indicated allowability of claim 35, but for its dependency from claim 30. Accordingly, claim 30 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 35.

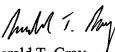
Accordingly, the rejections to claims 25-34, 36 and 38-47 have now been mooted based on the amendments to claim 30 and cancellation of claims 39-47. All pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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